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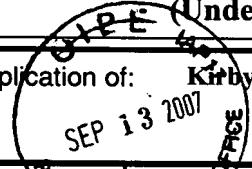
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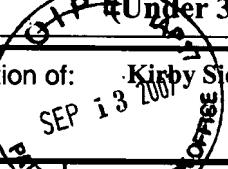
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. PCT International Publication No. WO 99/09210, published February 25, 1999;
2. United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0098496 A1, published July 25, 2002 to Lipshutz et al.;
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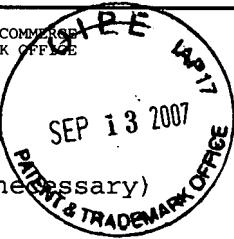
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
		WO 99/09210	2/25/99	PCT			✓	
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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The references were cited in a Supplementary Partial Search Report dated June 29, 2007 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Supplementary Partial Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Supplementary Partial Search Report.

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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